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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

## EMIGRATION.

FEBRUARY.

A Proceedings—Nos. 10 to 12.

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## NOTES.

EMIGRATION—A, FEBRUARY 1909.

Nos. 10—12.

REPATRIATION OF ELEVEN DESTITUTE INDIANS FROM PORT SAID. DIS- File No. 13 of  
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COURAGEMENT OF EMIGRATION TO EGYPT.

**Pro.** No. 10. FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, NO. 4-PUB., DATED THE 1ST JANUARY **Serial No. 1.**  
1909.

*Forwards for consideration a copy of correspondence regarding the repatriation from Port Said of eleven destitute natives of India, and in view of certain remarks by the Consul-General at Port Said to the effect that passports should not be issued to Indians of the poorer class without a deposit of £10, suggests the desirability of some action being taken to discourage emigration to Egypt.*

The question of the repatriation of the eleven destitute Indians has been disposed of by the Secretary of State by his accepting the cost of sending them back to India as a charge against Indian revenues.

2. Lord Morley suggests that in view of the remarks made by Mr. Consul Cameron, some action should be taken to discourage emigration to Egypt of natives of India of the poorer class. Mr. Consul Cameron's letter shows that the Indians who became destitute at Port Said had been furnished with passports at Bombay. He accordingly suggests that the Government of Bombay should refuse to issue passports to Indians who cannot deposit at least £10. The proposal would amount to the placing of a restriction on free emigration which is opposed<sup>\*</sup> to the policy of Government. In the second place it would not be effective because passports are not<sup>†</sup> compulsory and the Government of India have declined to make them obligatory. In the circumstances we cannot accept the suggestion of the Consul.

\* A Pro., Feb. 1908,  
Nos. 18 to 33.  
† B Pro., Oct.  
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3. In order to meet the wishes of the Secretary of State, we may send a copy of the papers to the Government of Bombay, state the reasons against the adoption of the Consul's proposal, and ask the Local Government that if they agree, a notification may be issued stating that there is no prospect of employment for Indians in Egypt, and that in the event of their destitution there is no likelihood of their being afforded relief by the Egyptian Government. It does not appear to be necessary for the Government of India to issue a Resolution, as emigration to Egypt is confined to the Bombay Presidency and adjoining Native States. We may send a copy of the proposed letter to the India Office for information.

A. K. S.—25-1-1909.

M. M. S. GURRAY,—25-1-1909.

There is nothing else to be done.

B. ROBERTSON,—25-1-1909.

W. L. H[ARVEY],—26-1-1909.

**Pro.** No. 11. **To the GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, NO. 995—13, DATED THE 3RD FEBRUARY 1909. Serial No. 2.**  
*Forwards a copy of Serial No. 1, stating, for the reasons explained, that the Government of India are unable to accept the Consul's suggestion. Asks that a notification may however be issued giving warnings against emigration to Egypt.*

**Pro.** No. 12. **To the INDIA OFFICE, NO. 996—13, DATED THE 4TH FEBRUARY 1909. Serial No. 3.**  
*Forwards for information a copy of Serial No. 2.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, FEB. 1909.

Repatriation of eleven destitute Indians from Port Said. [Pro. No. 10]

REPATRIATION OF ELEVEN DESTITUTE INDIANS FROM PORT SAID. DISCOUR- File No. 13 of  
RAGEMENT OF EMIGRATION TO EGYPT. 1908

No. 10.

No. 4-Pub., dated India Office, London, the 1st January 1909.

Serial No. 1.

From—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Government of India.

I FORWARD, for the consideration of Your Excellency's Government, a copy of correspondence with the Foreign Office from Foreign Office, with enclosure, dated 23rd November 1908.  
To Foreign Office, dated 25th November 1908.  
From Foreign Office, with enclosure, dated 1st December 1908.  
In accordance with the usual practice in such cases, I have accepted the cost of sending these men back to India as a charge against Indian revenues; but, in view of the remarks of His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said, contained in his letter of the 21st November 1908, it appears necessary to take some action in order to discourage the emigration to Egypt of natives of India of the poorer class.

I have, etc.,

MORLEY OF BLACKBURN.

Enclosure 1 to India, Public despatch No. 4, dated the 1st January 1909.

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Immediate.

Foreign Office,  
November 23rd, 1908.

SIR,

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit herewith, for the information of Lord Morley of Blackburn, copy of a telegram dated the 20th instant from Consul-General Cameron, November 20 (telegram). His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said, requesting sanction to repatriate eleven destitute Indians.

I am to state that Mr. Cameron is an experienced officer who exercises careful discrimination in such cases, and that expense would no doubt be saved by granting the requisite authority without delay.

I am, etc.,

W. LANGLEY.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
India Office.

DECODE.

Telegram from Consul-General Cameron, Port Said.

D & R.  
November 20th, 1908.

No. 7.

May I repatriate eleven destitute Indians?  
Letter follows for India Office.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, FEB. 1909.

Pro. No. 12] Repatriation of eleven destitute Indians from Port Said.

Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, hereby prohibits, with effect on and from the 1st day of July 1904—

- (a) the conveyance to Aden by any shipmaster or other person from any port or place and in any vessel or means of conveyance whatever of any indigent person;
- (b) the landing at Aden of any indigent person from any vessel whatever;
- (c) the rendering of aid by any shipping master or other person to any indigent person to land at Aden and the wilful permission of the landing of any such person at Aden on the part of any shipping master or other person.

P. J. MAITLAND,  
MAJOR-GENERAL.

*Political Resident, Aden."*

By order of His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council.

S. W. EDGERLEY,  
*Acting Chief Secretary to Government.*

Serial No. 2.

No. 995—13, dated Calcutta, the 3rd February 1909.

From—M. M. S. GUBBAY, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India,  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,  
To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

I AM directed to forward a copy of a despatch, with enclosures, from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 4 (Public), dated the 1st January 1909, regarding the repatriation from Port Said of certain destitute Indians. It will be observed that in view of the remarks contained in the letter from His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said, dated the 21st November 1908, to the effect that no passports for Egypt should be issued to natives of India of the poorer class without a deposit of at least £10, the Secretary of State has suggested that some action should be taken to discourage the emigration.

2. With regard to the proposal advanced by the Consul-General, I am to remark that the possession of passports is not compulsory in the case of persons proceeding outside India, and the Government of India have on a previous occasion considered it undesirable to make them obligatory. They are therefore unable to accept the suggestion of the Consul-General. I am, however, to suggest that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a notification may be issued stating that there is no prospect of employment for Indians in Egypt, and that in the event of their destitution there is no likelihood of their being afforded relief.

Serial No. 3.

No. 996—13, dated Calcutta, the 4th February 1909.

From—B. ROBERTSON, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of India,  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,  
To—The Secretary, Judicial and Political Department, India Office.

WITH reference to the despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 4 (Public), dated the 1st January 1909, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Lordship, a copy of a letter, No. 995—13, dated the 3rd February 1909, addressed to the Government of Bombay regarding the desirability of discouraging the emigration of Indians to Egypt.

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REFERENCES.

\* B Oct. 1908, No. 2. (File No. 95).  
\* A Feb. " Nos. 18 to 33. (" 74). (107)

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